**National platform meeting: Framework for Action**

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| **[Theme]** | Community empowerment, institutions and sustainability |
| Vision | To encourage honest debate and action at national level on how to ensure widespread community engagement in land and water management |
| Topics | * Community participation * Developing ideas for incentive (motivation) mechanisms (not just short-term financial incentives) * Enhancing local institutional capacities (Capacity building on community engagement, participatory methods, creating ownership, How to connect with and strengthen existing traditional institutions, Championing indigenous knowledge, create de * Working out financing mechanisms for community-led NRM initiatives, e.g. micro-credit, Community fund (self financing) * Developing ways to ensure community voice at national level (e.g. this platform) * The role of women in decision making in NRM   Cross-cutting   * Gender – eg: women’s and youths’ voice in NRM initiatives * Value chains – looking at income diversification opportunities, market-led NRM |
| Outputs & outcomes | * Awareness created * Entry pints for income generation, food security, Identified * Case studies on benefits of community empowerment; positive and negative developed and shared * Guideline of approaches for ensuring community participation in projects * Community based institutions enabling environment created * Identified opportunities and funding streams for capacity building opportunities around community engagement * Building bridges between government and non-government organization around community engagement * Asset building enhanced at both community and household level * Voice of the community recognized  1. Community power of decision making enhanced and bargaining power also |
| Activities & approach | * Commission students to undertake case studies * Workshops to develop best practices on community engagement * Establish models for scaling out * Fund raising/concept note development around capacity building opportunities * Establish demonstration sites on how community participation leads to successful/sustainable water management structures * Creating or identifying successful NRM women’s or community groups as models of success. Focus on women headed households * Livelihood building blocks |
| Linkages / Support | MERET project, SLM, PSNP, IMAWESA project, NGO’s (e.g. CARE, RIPPLE, Water Action), IRC (Holland) |
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